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Puritan and Fichu Collars
Newest Neckwear Fads

The new neckwear display in the shops is unusually attractive this summer, and grows more interesting day by day. The large new Puritan or Quaker collars, as they are called, in some of the shops, represent the most pronounced neckwear fad of the season. They are large and cap-like, falling almost to the waistline at the back, extending in a round point, low over the shoulder and cut in square points at the front. The collar follows the base of the neck at the throat and finishes with a cravat or loosely knotted ribbon. These collars are plain and tailored in effect, with plain or hemstitched edges, and are made of linen or sheer material. Wide flat fichu collars, too, are shown this year in fine sheer materials. They fall rounded in the back, low over the shoulders and taper to points in front. The pointed ends often being slipped under high girdles at each side of the front, and not shaped at all.

Some of the fichu of point d'esprit or net, bordered by plaited frills of the material, are charming and are offered in various sizes and shapes. These, of course, require draping, and both the graceful draping and effective wearing of a fichu are ticklish matters, to be approached in a spirit of serious artistic endeavor and effort.

A vogue is predicted for the absolutely simple wash frock, with fichu or big collar of sheer lingerie, with plaited frill or lace trimmings, for its only ornament, and the idea is an excellent one, simplifying tubbing problems. If the collar or fichu is very pretty the effect provided is that of extreme daintiness and smartness.

Great Variety in Frills. The plaited frill is in evidence this season, and is offered in every imaginable variation and in every degree of fineness. There are frills of lace, frills of linen, lace trimmings, frills of white, with narrow borders of color, frills of black tulle and frills of white tulle, and frills of black and white tulle combined, the plaited white frills over

System Reigns Supreme
In Depot of C. F. C. C.

Miss Arnoldi Tells Women How Articles Are Stored, Listed, Packed and Distributed to Men in Trenches—Linen Shower Continues Next Week.

One hundred and forty thousand three hundred and forty thousand packed and shipped for distribution among Canadian soldiers at the front, out of some 150,000 articles received, is the splendid record of achievement which Miss Arnoldi of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission reported yesterday afternoon to members of the L.O.D.E. Red Cross Society and other patriotic women workers assembled in Croydon Hall.

Miss Arnoldi, who has been actively engaged in this branch of work in England ever since the first Canadian contingent went there, is now on a six weeks' leave of absence, during which she is recuperating her strength, and using every opportunity of interesting women in Canada in the work of soldiers' comforts.

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LEGHORN GARDEN PARTY HAT.



Pictured here is a charming garden party hat of natural leghorn with covering of figured pussy willow silk. A narrow cording appears at the base of the crown. Velvet ribbon is oddly arranged over the front of the brim and ties in a loose loop at the back. A tiny bouquet of moss roses adds a bright touch of color.

Ingram, pillow cotton; Mrs. W. Irwin, 4 bath towels, old linen; Mrs. A. Johnson, 3 handkerchiefs, old linen, 8 towels and 5 yards gauze.

Ladies of Iderton Methodist Church, 8 quilts, 16 towels, 2 blankets, 8 handkerchiefs, 22 washcloths, 91 mouth wipes, 2 shirts, 3 cans talcum powder, old linen, and 3 pints of fruit.

A. B. D., 4 sheets and 4 pillowcases; Mrs. J. E. Lawrence, Woodstock, 2 pairs flannel sheets; Misses Moore, 32, 1 sheet and old linen; Miss Moore, old linen; Mrs. J. M. Moore, 12 sheets, 4 towels; office girls, Robinson & Little, 24 towels; Princess Patricia Chapter, bolt pillow cotton; Mrs. Puddicombe, old linen; Scott Memorial children's chapter, L.O.D.E., 20 yards cheese-cloth; Miss Stuart, 31; Miss Smart, pair sheets; Mrs. MacDonald, 50; Mrs. Saunders, 31 and old linen; Mrs. C. Talbot, 6 pillowcases, through Scott Memorial Chapter, Miss Walker, half dozen towels; Mrs. Yarker, 6 yards gauze, old linen and mouthwipes; Miss Yarker, 6 pillowcases, 2 dozen gauze handkerchiefs.

Members of the Princess Patricia Chapter hope to have fine weather on Sunday night, when the Marconi band is giving a sacred band concert in Victoria Park. An interesting program will be rendered, and the proceeds taken at the gates will go in aid of soldiers' comforts.

Through an arrangement with the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild, articles that had to be rendered, such as gum, tobacco, sweets, tooth brushes and powder and nappies, could be bought at wholesale prices by the commission.

Miss Arnoldi stated that the commission was hoping to arrange for more frequent transportation from Canada to England. Government boats were now sailing three or four times a week from Montreal and Halifax, and this should facilitate shipping.

The speaker emphasized the need of properly addressing private parcels to insure delivery to the right persons. It was not infrequent that private parcels came addressed to "John Smith, Canadian Contingent," without number, company or battalion.

Tribute to Nurses. A warm tribute was paid to the nursing sisters from Canada by the speaker. During the flood-time at Salisbury camp, when 1,500 men were in the hospital and 500 of these in tents, the nurses worked practically night and day without rest.

"They waded about in their long rubber boots with never a word of complaint, and a gentle smile for every patient. I wish you could hear how the Canadian boys spoke of 'Our Sisters,'" said Miss Arnoldi, amid applause.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker for her instructive address. Mrs. Niven, who presided, conveying the same to Miss Arnoldi.

Donations to the L. O. D. E. linen shower, which was yesterday in charge of the Princess Patricia members, still pour in. The shower will continue next week. All gifts should be sent to Croydon Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Richmond street.

The following articles and donations of money were received yesterday: Anonymous, 2 sheets and old linen; anonymous, bath towels and old linen; anonymous, old linen; Miss Bullen, old linen and 12 yards pillow casing; Miss Beattie, 2 dozen washcloths; Mrs. Burness, 6 pillowcases and old linen; Miss Baldwin, 31; Mrs. Benson, 60; Mrs. Colerick, 32; Mrs. W. T. Cox, 2 sheets, 4 pillowcases and old linen; Mrs. Duncan, gauze; Mrs. T. Beardmore, 20 yards towelings; Mrs. Evans, 6 pillowcases, 4 towels; Mrs. Dromgole, 20 yards cheese-cloth; Mrs. J. Dillon, 1 piece gauze; Mrs. O'Dell, 1 dozen bath towels; Mrs. Dickson, 1 dozen linen; Mrs. Eleanore, 35; Mrs. E., old linen; Mrs. Beales, 35; T. S. F., 7 pairs towels; Mrs. J. Footit, old linen; Mrs. Ferguson, old linen; Mrs. Charles Graham, 20 yards gauze; Mrs. Graham, 2 pairs towels, 2 washcloths; Mrs. Garsshore, old linen; Mrs. G. Granger, 6 pillowcases, old linen; Girls' club, 6 towels; Mrs. 8 dozen towels; Mrs. John Hunt, 2 bedspreads, tray cloth, 4 towels, old linen; Mrs. A. A. Harris, 2 pairs sheets; Mrs. George Hodgins, old linen; Miss Howie, half dozen towels; Mrs. C. S. Hyman, 20 washcloths, 30 cakes soap; Mrs. Hayden, 2 pairs sheets; Miss K. Hayden, 1 pair pillowcases; Mrs. A. E. Hall, 3 pairs towels, old linen; Mrs.

Plummer as leading members of the staff. Their duties in England, the speaker explained, were well systematized. The commission is at present quartered in the barracks at Stormont. Here are two large packing rooms. In the first, all the boxes are unpacked, the contents sorted, listed, and the list turned out to the desk, where acceptance is made. The goods are taken into the second packing room, and stored and shipped. Every article having its individual place. From the shelves, as requisitions from the various officers in command are received, the workers pack bales to ship to France. Any hospital supplies are sent in wooden boxes. Each bale must not weigh more than 56 pounds, and generally contains an assortment of articles, handkerchiefs, underwear, candles, cocoa, books, sweets and nappies. The bales, being accounted "war stores," are sent by military transport to Southampton, and from thence by boat to France. The commission is under no expense, being a Government body.

While only 140,941 of the 150,000 articles received had been distributed, the speaker explained that the remainder were heavy woolen things, socks, mufflers, etc., which were of no use to the men at the present time. These had been carefully packed in camphor, and would be stored until the cold season began and warm clothing became a necessity.

Present Needs. As to what the present needs were, Miss Arnoldi explained that socks, sweets and money (outside of the hospital supplies) were the greatest requirements, while for tobacco there was constant demand. She read extracts from several letters received from commanding officers at the front in appreciation of the parcels sent, in practically every instance the greatest thanks were sent for socks.

"The socks were very welcome." "The socks and other things you have sent are what the men need most," the socks arrived at a very useful time, as I had just finished a long march, and I anticipated another one tomorrow," were some of the messages that the men commanding in the trenches.

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Miss Arnoldi stated that the commission was hoping to arrange for more frequent transportation from Canada to England. Government boats were now sailing three or four times a week from Montreal and Halifax, and this should facilitate shipping.

The speaker emphasized the need of properly addressing private parcels to insure delivery to the right persons. It was not infrequent that private parcels came addressed to "John Smith, Canadian Contingent," without number, company or battalion.

Tribute to Nurses. A warm tribute was paid to the nursing sisters from Canada by the speaker. During the flood-time at Salisbury camp, when 1,500 men were in the hospital and 500 of these in tents, the nurses worked practically night and day without rest.

"They waded about in their long rubber boots with never a word of complaint, and a gentle smile for every patient. I wish you could hear how the Canadian boys spoke of 'Our Sisters,'" said Miss Arnoldi, amid applause.

A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the speaker for her instructive address. Mrs. Niven, who presided, conveying the same to Miss Arnoldi.

Donations to the L. O. D. E. linen shower, which was yesterday in charge of the Princess Patricia members, still pour in. The shower will continue next week. All gifts should be sent to Croydon Hall, St. Paul's Cathedral, Richmond street.

The following articles and donations of money were received yesterday: Anonymous, 2 sheets and old linen; anonymous, bath towels and old linen; anonymous, old linen; Miss Bullen, old linen and 12 yards pillow casing; Miss Beattie, 2 dozen washcloths; Mrs. Burness, 6 pillowcases and old linen; Miss Baldwin, 31; Mrs. Benson, 60; Mrs. Colerick, 32; Mrs. W. T. Cox, 2 sheets, 4 pillowcases and old linen; Mrs. Duncan, gauze; Mrs. T. Beardmore, 20 yards towelings; Mrs. Evans, 6 pillowcases, 4 towels; Mrs. Dromgole, 20 yards cheese-cloth; Mrs. J. Dillon, 1 piece gauze; Mrs. O'Dell, 1 dozen bath towels; Mrs. Dickson, 1 dozen linen; Mrs. Eleanore, 35; Mrs. E., old linen; Mrs. Beales, 35; T. S. F., 7 pairs towels; Mrs. J. Footit, old linen; Mrs. Ferguson, old linen; Mrs. Charles Graham, 20 yards gauze; Mrs. Graham, 2 pairs towels, 2 washcloths; Mrs. Garsshore, old linen; Mrs. G. Granger, 6 pillowcases, old linen; Girls' club, 6 towels; Mrs. 8 dozen towels; Mrs. John Hunt, 2 bedspreads, tray cloth, 4 towels, old linen; Mrs. A. A. Harris, 2 pairs sheets; Mrs. George Hodgins, old linen; Miss Howie, half dozen towels; Mrs. C. S. Hyman, 20 washcloths, 30 cakes soap; Mrs. Hayden, 2 pairs sheets; Miss K. Hayden, 1 pair pillowcases; Mrs. A. E. Hall, 3 pairs towels, old linen; Mrs.

Plummer as leading members of the staff. Their duties in England, the speaker explained, were well systematized. The commission is at present quartered in the barracks at Stormont. Here are two large packing rooms. In the first, all the boxes are unpacked, the contents sorted, listed, and the list turned out to the desk, where acceptance is made. The goods are taken into the second packing room, and stored and shipped. Every article having its individual place. From the shelves, as requisitions from the various officers in command are received, the workers pack bales to ship to France. Any hospital supplies are sent in wooden boxes. Each bale must not weigh more than 56 pounds, and generally contains an assortment of articles, handkerchiefs, underwear, candles, cocoa, books, sweets and nappies. The bales, being accounted "war stores," are sent by military transport to Southampton, and from thence by boat to France. The commission is under no expense, being a Government body.

While only 140,941 of the 150,000 articles received had been distributed, the speaker explained that the remainder were heavy woolen things, socks, mufflers, etc., which were of no use to the men at the present time. These had been carefully packed in camphor, and would be stored until the cold season began and warm clothing became a necessity.

Present Needs. As to what the present needs were, Miss Arnoldi explained that socks, sweets and money (outside of the hospital supplies) were the greatest requirements, while for tobacco there was constant demand. She read extracts from several letters received from commanding officers at the front in appreciation of the parcels sent, in practically every instance the greatest thanks were sent for socks.

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